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SUBJECT: ECLA PLENARY

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED ECLA SECRETARIAT'S "LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: FIRST REGIONAL APPRAISAL" AND ARE PREPARING TO COMMENT AT THE MARCH 20 ECLA MEETING AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. WE WERE NOT INVITED TO FIRST MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS THAT MET FEBRUARY 26 TO 28 ON THIS SUBJECT. WE NOTE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL IS DEVOTED TO UNITED STATES TRADE POLICIES AS THEY AFFECT LATIN AMERICA. WE WILL MAKE OUR POSITIONS CLEAR AT PLENARY, BUT MEANWHILE YOU SHOULD APPROACH SECRETARIAT TO DETERMINE IF ANY IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO ECLA REVIEW AND APPRAISAL DOCUMENTS AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED AT FEBRUARY MEETING.

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2. RE OUR PROPOSAL AT RECENT NEW YORK SESSION OF ECLA THAT ECLA CONSIDERING SPONSORING SPECIAL MEETING OF EARTHQUAKE EXPERTS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING CODES AND SIMILAR MEASURES TO PREVENT DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKES, OAS IS CONSIDERING HOLDING SIMILAR MEETING IN PERU OR ECUADOR AS FOLLOW- UP TO ITS PUERTO RICO MEETING ON HURRICANE DISASTERS. WE ASSUME THAT ECLA IS IN TOUCH WITH OAS ON THIS MATTER FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

ON OAS PLANS AND TO DETERMINE IF OAS WOULD LIKE TO COOPERATE IN SUCH A MEETING.

3. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS IN FEBRUARY 1973 PUBLISHED DETAILED STUDY ON EARTHQUAKES ENTITLED " BUILDING PRACTICES FOR DISASTER MITIGATION" FOCUSED ON U. S. EXPERIENCE AND IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS WILL BE RELEASING UNDER AID CONTRACT SIMILAR STUDY ENTITLED " DESIGN, SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF LOW- COST HOUSING AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS TO BETTER WITHSTAND EARTHQUAKES AND WIND STORMS" THAT WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE WILL PROVIDE COPY OF FORMER PUBLICATION TO ECLA AT QUITO. WOULD APPRECIATE SECRETARIAT'S LATEST THINKING ON DESIRABILITY OF ECLA SPONSORING MEETING ON EARTHQUAKE MITIGATION. WE WOULD NOT WANT ECLA DUPLICATE OAS MEETING.

4. PLEASE TELEGRAPH REPORT ON ABOVE TWO ITEMS SOONEST SO THAT WE CAN TAKE LATEST INFORMATION INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING POSITION PAPERS FOR PLENARY MEETING. WE WILL BE FORWARDING INFORMATION ON U. S. DELEGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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